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W. R. Carr,
 Sworn to and subscribed before this first day of July, 1905.
 W. O. SOMMERFIELD,
 My term expires July 26, 1905.

NATIONAL DEMOCRATIC FIGURES.
 Governor Douglas of Massachusetts pretends to be joking about the Democratic nomination for Presidency next time. He declines to run to succeed himself as Governor, giving for an excuse the fact that if he doesn't retire from the path of political ascendancy now he may arrive at the top, where the responsibilities are very heavy. Governor Douglas has a very easy way of flitting with possibilities.

He is a first-rate tariff reformer and his winning race on the issue of reciprocity thrust him forward in national attention. Carrying Massachusetts on any issue against the Republican tide wave was a political feat. In consequence he was mentioned seriously as a potentiality. Comment lumped him with Folk and Jerome and Johnson of Minnesota; the latter having worked a somewhat similar wonder by upsetting calculations in a Republican stronghold. It is no surprise, therefore, that the Massachusetts exponent of Democratic principle and clean politics tucks up his rod where the lightning may see it.

Of the four men mentioned, Governor Johnson has behaved the least interestingly since election. He has assiduously kept to his executive knitting, preserving a dignity of silence which has been somewhat enhanced by the contrast of his near neighbor, La Follette. There is in Minnesota's executive nothing of the qualities of his countryman and fellow Swede, "Lawson of Lawson," for instance, and the modesty which holds him in the background may keep him out of presidential consideration, if nothing or no one else does. Moreover, he appears to have less of an issue than the others.

Mr. Jerome is a reformer and loudly professed Democrat with a national reputation and, doubtless, a national ambition. He has just announced his intention to run again for the District Attorneyship of New York, which will likely afford an ample field for his special activities in the immediate years to come. The trusts and insurance companies may provide plenty of grist for his mill, and the times might demand a man of his character. The public announcement in which he states his intentions and incidentally defines his conception of public duty is pitched in a solemn key, addressed to a broad citizenship, and has in it a ring of desire. He may be fairly said to have erected his rod.

As for Governor Folk, in whom Missourians are more interested, he is of heavier weight than Mr. Jerome. A late interchange of comment upon the "lid" question would indicate that, if nothing else did, And Governor Folk is a more impressive figure than either of the other Governors.

Nineteen hundred and eight is palpably too far on the other side of the horizon to be more than dimly guessed at, yet, unless the nation shall have undergone a radical change of tendency and intent, that day would probably be better suited to a Folk. The present seems more to be made for him; peculiarly a time of national character-making and suited to the man with a constructive principle or group of constructive principles.

This is true, broadly speaking, as well as in a narrower and purely national sense. We observe a new phase of relationship to the rest of the world, (our comparatively recent forging ahead in industrial power and enhanced influence in international concern necessarily affect national and political character. Interiorly our political life exhibits a wider variety than ever in the past. Industrial questions, as ever, are closely involved in politics. In giving commercialism our attention to an extent never before demanded and in concentrating interest upon the new problems incident to the vast and rapid development of our commercial life we have necessarily ignored to some extent ethics. Many abuses have grown out of what may be termed the national carelessness incident to commercial expansion. "Corruption" and "reforms" of various kinds illustrate both an uncertainty of condition and a turning of the public mind. It is thus peculiarly a moment for

the public man who gives first place to the application of fundamental moral theories to the new and complex conditions and situations of business and living.

A constructive principle is not necessarily new. It is more likely to be old, fundamental and eternal, but new in its application. Mr. Folk has been eminently, conspicuously successful in emphasizing the importance of control, of moral control, of lawful control, over business, politics and public office.

No other man in public life represents the principle of control so broadly and generally, and the fact is naturally provocative of discussion in political circles, and indeed has been for many months. It is significant that the press in various parts of the country connects Folk with presidential gossip, and particularly significant that the East constantly views him as an interesting possibility. It was two years ago that The Republic suggested the availability of the young man who had made a national reputation by his fight on the bootleggers. Time has considerably re-enforced our observations. Folk is indeed a "man to watch," as the Eastern press is remarking. Dimly defined as the political future must be, the figure of Folk nevertheless looms large.

PROSECUTE THE RASCALS.

Governor Folk has, no doubt, read with keen interest Mr. Roosevelt's strenuous book on the Strenuous Life, which the author sent to the Governor the other day with a complimentary and appreciative note. The incident encourages the hope that Mr. Roosevelt has read, learned, marked and inwardly digested the Governor's strenuous record as a prosecutor of sinners in public office who betrayed the people and sold out vast public interests for their own paltry gain.

The instructive part of Governor Folk's record while Circuit Attorney of St. Louis is that he fought no sham battle with knavery. He sent bribers and perjurers to the Penitentiary; some of them he drove into exile from home and country; the fear of exposure and prosecution cost still others sleepless nights for years.

If Folk were not Governor of Missouri he would just now be the right man in the right place as Attorney General of the United States, for there is no spot on earth where an energetic, fearless and determined public prosecutor is more needed than in the city of Washington. The news that comes daily from the capital reveals a condition of looseness and depravity in the conduct of the nation's business that calls for correction, sharp and unrelenting. The best service that the national Government has provided for the people is perverted to personal official gain; information collected at great labor and expense for a safe guide to farmers and merchants and manufacturers in conducting their business and industries is garbled or secretly sold, so that men doing legitimate business in buying and selling are as the dupes of gamblers playing with marked cards; graft and corruption permeate every department.

If the suppression of venality in the public service be impossible, its punishment is not, though it is too often a weakness of men in power to cover up rather than to expose and punish the crimes of their political associates. Occasional prosecutions there have been half-hearted and nerveless in the main, but seldom punishment commensurate with the offense. Oberlin Carter, who served a term in the Government Penitentiary at Leavenworth for embezzling money appropriated for harbor work, is a rare exception to the rule; but his punishment was inflicted through court-martial by brother officers of the army. Gaynor and Greene, the contractors accused of complicity in Carter's crime, have thus far escaped.

The crimes of these men resulted in the loss of a few millions of the Government's money. The crimes committed in the office of the statistician of the Department of Agriculture have cost the buyers and sellers of cotton in a year probably fifty times as much, and the offenders deserve at least what Carter got.

President Roosevelt cannot do the country a more lasting service than that which will result from a vigorous and successful prosecution of these and other cases of corruption that are daily coming to light in Washington. Efficiency in government is impossible so long as great interests are habitually sold out for corrupt money. Shall we sink to the level of Russia, where official peculation paralyzes every effort at national progress and brings defeat to Muscovite armies and navies?

The country expects a negative answer from the administration and the party now in full control and responsibility. Let President Roosevelt take the work vigorously in hand, and insist that his law officers prosecute for conviction. If Lawyer Moody is lukewarm in the cause, let the President get another Attorney General who will be hot and eager for it.

MORE MENACING.

The yellow fever epidemic began to wear a more menacing look. Efforts of sanitarians to check it may have had some results in minimizing its ravages; but the failure to stamp it out seems to mean that the fever must run its course until frost.

Appearing this year before the middle of July, the fever seems to be in its milder form, but it has all the more time to spread. Later in the summer, when people have become debilitated by the long season of heat, it usually becomes more virulent.

Some very bad epidemics of yellow fever in Gulf coast cities have started as late as the latter part of August, or even in September, when approaching cool weather gave immunity to places a little farther north. Its early appearance this year justifies precaution even as far north as St. Louis.

There is no cause for panic anywhere, but there is not a town in the Mississippi Valley that can with entire safety neglect sanitary measures. Clean up the towns below Cairo and drain wet places in which mosquitoes breed; cover with oil the water in pools that cannot be drained.

It is stated that, even in the old and unsanitary days, nobody ever caught yellow fever in St. Louis. There were deaths, but the cases were all refugees who had brought the disease with them. Even St. Louis, however, must be watchful.

SENATOR KINNEY'S POSITION.

Mr. Thomas E. Kinney says that he is not "lining up with the Butlers." Certain persons prejudiced against the Senator have charged him with leanings which would accord very well with Butler plans. The Butlers represented in the St. Louis alleged "Democratic" club have been making overtures to a committee looking to friendly relations. The club of late has been persistent in inviting the committee to make the club its regular meeting place, which invitations the committee is said to resent. It was alleged that Senator Kinney's influences were rather moving to sever the committee's relations with the anti-Butler faction of the party, and leave the committee more open to the solicitations of the Butler crowd.

Senator Kinney resents all such insinuations, though admitting that he is personally opposed to Mr. Hawes. His friends will rejoice. To be a mere adjunct of the Butlers and their allies would be a sorry come down from the respected status which the Senator acquired during his Jefferson City sojourn.

A good many people met and liked the new St. Louis Senator. He was largely admired for his independence of the political elements which are odious to the entire State. He was known as one who fought the Butlers and succeeded against them. He would have found most of his prestige and popularity vanishing if he had been found wearing the badge of Butlerism. His declaration of continued opposition to that element is the best pledge he could make.

"God sent the meat, and the devil sent the cooks," rumbled eccentric John Randolph of Roanoke in an entirely lucid moment. The men behind the guns of five of our eight battleships now on the Atlantic Coast are swearing by St. Elmo's fire that the devil sent both, especially the cooks. Their training has been landlubberly, whereas every sailorman knows that a sea cook who cannot make as many palatable dishes out of salt beef and hard tack as a French chef can out of potatoes or eggs is no cook at all.

Not to know Webb M. Rubey of Macon is to be ignorant of Missouri politics. But the Globe-Democrat has always been ignorant on Missouri matters when it was not falsifying. The Globe's perverted lecture to Thomas L. Rubey on the strength of a letter written by Webb of that ilk appeared appropriated alongside a sad editorial on the "Looting of the School Fund." The Globe is published in Missouri, but not for Missouri people.

The migration of American farmers into the frost-bitten regions of Western Canada, the eager push for the few homesteads of the United States and the cheap lands, fit mostly for grazing, offered for sale by the State of Texas show that the pioneering and land-grabbing spirit is as strong a trait of American character as ever it was. But none of our neighbors have much good land to be grabbed.

The order from the Interior Department to lease 400,000 acres of the Kiowa and Comanche lands in Oklahoma in quarter-section tracts for farming is next best to ordering them sold to homesteaders. The Indians would sell to the Government if the Government should ask them.

The great conundrum among Illinois Republican politicians is whether Governor Deneen is going to try for the caucus nomination for the Senate in the next Legislature. Maybe they had all better wait and see whether the Republican caucus nomination will be worth trying for.

RECENT COMMENT

The Agricultural Scientist.

When the average farmer of a few years ago was asked to express an opinion concerning the application of scientific knowledge to the raising of crops, he ordinarily waxed scornful at the expense of agricultural scientists, whom he held to be of no more account than the proverbial cipher with the rim removed. Especially was he intolerant of the entomologists, to whom he usually referred as "bugologists," and whom he regarded as beings to be classed with the milder form of lunatic-harmless, perhaps, but certainly of no practical use. He and his brethren, he would have told you, had you asked his reasons for such a hostile attitude toward the experts, were tired of being bothered by persons anxious to tell them how to attend to their own affairs. "All we ask," he would probably have said, in effect, "is to be let alone. Workers in other lines are not overburdened with gratuitous advice, as we are, and we don't like it, for we feel that we are as capable of minding our own business as anybody else. Let us go our own way, and we will be content to have our would-be mentors go theirs."

This was the position generally assumed, even by the more advanced among the tillers of the soil, and in view of the material character of the suggestions and counsel furnished by the press and the public generally, the ideas advanced having been, in many cases, worse than worthless—it is not surprising that a feeling almost akin to resentment grew up among the farmers, and that they viewed with suspicion all attempts to induce them to deviate from the practices and methods that had been theirs for years, and their fathers' before them. A material change, especially for the better, in the Department of Agriculture is largely responsible, has been brought about in the last few years. With each succeeding season there has been an increasing number of evidences that the department is not only desirous of helping the farmers, but also that it is competent to do so. 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